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WHITE HOUSE PASS PALM SPRINGS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM TAIPEI APR 6

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 1721

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TW

SUBJECT: DEATH OF PRESIDENT CHIANG: FORMIN HOPES FOR USG  
REASSURANCES

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN, APPREHENSIVE  
ABOUT POSSIBLE DESTABILIZING IMPACT HERE AND ELSEWHERE  
OF NEWS OF PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH COMING ON  
TOP OF DISASTERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, DISCUSSED  
WITH ME THIS MORNING GREAT BENEFIT WHICH WOULD  
BE DERIVED FROM SOME REASSURING GESTURE FROM  
PRESIDENT FORD. HE REFERRED TO WHAT PRESIDENT ALREADY SAID  
RECENTLY ABOUT OUR STANDING BY OUR FRIENDS AND OUR COMMIT-  
MENTS AND FELT THAT SOME SUCH SPECIFIC EXPRESSION OF  
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SOLIDARITY WITH ROC WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO OFFSET WHAT MAY BE

DEVELOPING MALIAISE. HE EMPHASIZED HE WAS PUTTING THIS FORWARD PERSONALLY AND WAS NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING NEW OR DIFFERENT, BUT SIMPLY A REASSURING WORD FROM THE CLOSEST FRIEND AT A DELICATE TIME.

2. OCCURS TO ME THAT SUCH A MESSAGE MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO C.K. YEN WHO IS BEING SWORN IN THIS MORNING AS PRESIDENT.

3. ALTHOUGH MINISTER SHEN WAS NOT SPECIFIC ON THIS SCORE HE ALSO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY, ALBEIT REMOTE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH MAY BE SEEN BY NATIONS NOT FRIENDLY TO ROC AS THE MOMENT TO MAKE SOME HOSTILE MOVE; A REASSURING STATEMENT OF THE U.S. POSITION WOULD ALSO SERVE TO DETER ANY SUCH MISCALCULATION. UNGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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